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Application No. : 09/529,575
Applicant(s) : Rourke, et al.
Filed : April 14, 2000
Title : Protease Inhibitors In Absorbent Articles
TC/A.U. : 3761
Examiner : Catharine L. Anderson
Conf. No. : 9622
Docket No. : 7042R
Customer No. : 27752

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of April 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following amendments and remarks and reconsider the application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.